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Shrimping Waters North of Intracoastal Waterway and East of Biloxi Ship Channel to Open April 13

Biloxi, Miss — The Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the opening of shrimping waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway (excluding the half-mile permanent closure area) and east of the Biloxi ship channel (inclusive of the Biloxi ship channel) in Mississippi territorial waters, **effective April 13, 2006 at 6 a.m.**

All shrimping waters in Mississippi will close April 30, 2006 at 12:01 a.m., ending the 2005-2006 Shrimp Season. If biological sampling indicates a movement of large numbers of juvenile brown shrimp into this area, the shrimp season may close earlier than April 30, 2006 at midnight.

All regulations set forth in ordinances of the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) are to be in full force and effect and all boats engaged in catching or transporting shrimp in or from the waters of the State of Mississippi must be legally licensed.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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